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REMARKS

In response to the oral Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group IV which is set forth in amended claims 48-51, and new dependent claims 71-76. Applicant has canceled claims 1-47 and claims 52-70. Only one independent claim, amended claim 48 remains pending in the instant application.

Support for the claims can be found in original claims 48 and 52, and in the specification at, for instance, pages 32-40. In particular, see page 38, lines 14-26. While the invention is disclosed with respect to its use in connection with 2-D gel electrophoresis, the invention is not limited to its use with 2-D gel electrophoresis but further encompasses other methodologies associated with 2-D gel technology (see page 7 beginning at line 20).

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